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WHITE HOUSE FOR JOHN SUNUNU AND PHILLIP BRADY
THE HAGUE FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

FROM AMBASSADOR MELADY

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 995/81

E. O. 12356: OADR: DECL
TAGS: PREL, VT, CH IS
SUBJECT: VATICAN REACTION AND FOLLOW-UP TO
PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

GENERAL REACTION

2. THERE IS EXTENSIVE COMMENT BY VATICAN
WATCHERS ON THE WAY THE POPE ESCORTED THE
PRESIDENT INTO THE CLEMENTINE ROOM. THIS, PLUS
THE POPE'S REMARKS TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY,
WERE UNPRECEDENTED AND VERY FAVORABLY
INTERPRETED. IT IS A CLEAR SIGN OF THE HOLY
SEE'S POSITIVE AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE
PRESIDENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION. (SEE VATICAN
MESSAGE NO. 992.)

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA

3. IN THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARY WITH
CARDINAL SODANO AND ARCHBISHOP TAURAN, A
PARTICIPANT TOLD ME THEY WERE ESPECIALLY
PLEASED WITH THE SECRETARY'S OFFERING TO LOOK
INTO THE MATTER OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA.
SODANO WILL BE SENDING US THEIR MEMO AND WE
WILL FORWARD IT ON TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY IN
JAPAN.

ISRAEL

FOREIGN MINISTER ACB TAURAN ASKED ME TO COME
OVER AND HE WILL REVIEW WHAT THE HOLY SEE MEANS
ABOUT PRELIMINARY STEPS THAT, IN VIEW OF THE
POST MADRID CONFERENCE CONTEXT, THEY COULD TAKE
TO UPGRADE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

MELADY